

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. - 15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 23, wherein step a) comprises adding an amount of electrically conductive filler sufficient to constitute 0.1 to 40% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

17. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 23, wherein step a) comprises adding an amount of impact modifiers sufficient to constitute 0.1 to 70% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

18. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 23, wherein the electrically conductive fillers comprise: carbon black, a metal, an antistatic agent, graphite, glass or a mineral filler coated with a metal layer.

19. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 23, wherein the electrically conductive fillers comprise: carbon black; carbon fibers; carbon spheres, carbon microspheres; carbon nanotubes; steel spheres, steel microspheres, steel fibers, aluminum spheres, aluminum microspheres, aluminum fibers or polyetheramides.

20. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 23, wherein the impact modifier is an elastomer.

21. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 23, wherein the impact modifier is: ethylene-propylene copolymer (EP), ethylene-propylene-diene terpolymer (EPDM), styrene/maleic anhydride copolymers (SMA), ultra-low-density polyethylene (ULDPE), linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE), styrene/ethylene-butadiene/styrene copolymer (SEBS), polypropylene (PP), acrylic elastomers (such as polyacrylic elastomers), ionomer elastomers, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene terpolymer (ABS) or acrylic-styrene-acrylonitrile terpolymer (ASA).

22. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 23, wherein the thermoplastic matrix comprises at least one polyamide chosen from polyamides: 6; 6,6; 4,6; 6,10; 6,12; 11 and/or 12; or blends thereof;

copolyamides: 6/6,6; 6/6,9; 6/6,10; 6/6,18 and/or 6/6,36; or blends thereof; and/or

blends of polyamides: 6 and 6,6; 6 and 6/6,18; 6 and 6/6,36; 6 and 6/6,10; or blends thereof.

23. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a composition comprising:

a continuous thermoplastic matrix comprising ~~consisting of~~ a polyamide, a copolyamide, a blend of polyamides, or a blend of copolyamides; and

a discontinuous phase dispersed in the matrix comprising at least one impact modifier, said discontinuous phase containing at least one electrically conductive filler in an amount sufficient to provide the composition with a level of conductivity suitable for painting by an electrostatic technique;

wherein the composition is free of polyphenylene ether,

the process comprising the steps of:

a) blending the at least one impact modifier with the at least one electrically conductive filler, so as to obtain a masterbatch; and

b) blending the masterbatch obtained in step a) with the thermoplastic matrix.

24. - 26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 23, wherein at least 90% by weight of the electrically conductive filler is contained within the dispersed phase.

28. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 23, wherein at least 95% by weight of the electrically conductive filler is contained within the dispersed phase.

29. (Canceled)

30. (New) The process as claimed in claim 23, wherein step a) comprises adding an amount of electrically conductive filler sufficient to constitute 5% to 40% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.